

### **REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 7-12 are requested to be cancelled.

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-6 are now pending.

#### **I. Allowable Claims**

The Examiner states that claims 1-6 are allowed and provides reasons for allowance. While Applicants believe that the claims are allowable, Applicants do not acquiesce that patentability resides in each feature, exactly as expressed in the claims, nor that each feature is required for patentability.

#### **II. Claim Objections/Rejections**

Claims 7-12 were objected to and/or rejected on a number of grounds. While not acquiescing in the propriety of the objections and rejections, Applicants have canceled claims 7-12 without prejudice. Thus, the claim objections and rejections are rendered moot by this amendment.

#### **Conclusion**

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a



even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

Date March 14, 2005

By 

FOLEY & LARDNER LLP  
Customer Number: 22428  
Telephone: (202) 672-5569  
Facsimile: (202) 672-5399

Stephen B. Maebius  
Attorney for Applicant  
Registration No. 35,264